

Amendment One

IFB for Security Services

IFB # 3160004994

Procurement Questions and Answers

Question Submission Deadline: April 7, 2022

Response Issue Date: April 8, 2022

	Procurement Section, Page Number	Date Received	Question	Response
1.		4/7/22	What is the current bill rate paid by the Agency for this contract.	The current contract is from the PPRB Preapproved Vendor List, it can be found on the Department of Finance Website.
2.	Bid Form, Attachment B, Pages 20-23	4/7/22	Attachment B states that pricing should be firm fixed. Does the Agency expect that quoted pricing will apply with respect to any and all of the 4 one-year renewal terms? How will rate increases be addressed for each renewal term? Is contract renewal contingent on mutual agreement by the parties as to renewal period bill rates? Will the Contractor also be permitted to raise rates when and as needed to recoup increases in the following costs that are outside of the Contractor's control: Federal, state or local taxes, levies, or required withholdings; costs under collective bargaining agreements; minimum, prevailing and living wage rates and other statutory requirements, such as legally mandated sick leave	Yes The bid price shall be good for all renewal terms. Renewals are at the discretion of the Agency. Rates shall be firm fixed price for initial contract and renewal terms.

			costs; and medical and other benefit costs?	
3.		4/7/22	Is the Agency exempt from payment of state and local sales and use taxes?	Yes
4.		4/7/22	What are the Agency's standard payment terms?	<u>E-Payment:</u> Contractor agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. The agency agrees to make payment in accordance with Mississippi law on "Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies," which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Mississippi Code Annotated § 31-7-301 <i>et seq.</i> .
5.	Section 12.1.4 and Section 12.1.5 on page 11	4/7/22	We note the separate automobile liability insurance limits for bodily injury and property damage. Our company's automobile liability policy is structured to provide a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. May the cited requirements be satisfied by a \$2,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage?	Yes
6.	Section 12.1.3 on page 11	4/7/22	We note the requirement in the cited section for the Contractor's personnel to be covered by employee dishonesty or fidelity bonds. The dishonest acts of our company's personnel are covered by commercial crime insurance. May commercial crime insurance be used to satisfy the cited requirement?	Yes
7.		4/7/22	What are the current pay rates, by category, for the current contract?	The current contract is from the PPRB Preapproved Vendor List, the rates associated with this list can be found there.
8.	4.3.5	4/7/22	"Conduct periodic drug testing of security personnel at the contractor's throughout the year at a minimum of twice per year and provide copies of	Drug testing would need to be performed on any personnel supplied to the Agency by the Contractor.

			the results as required by the Agency". Is this for the entire guard force or a percentage annually? If a percentage, what percent needs to be tested twice annually?	
9.		4/7/22	How many hours of pre-assignment training do guards receive before being eligible for assignment? What topics are covered and/or certification are required?	An Agency specified orientation will be required for all personnel that lasts on average of 2 hours. The Agency will provide the orientation.
10		4/7/22	How many hours of annual refresher training is required or do the guards currently receive? What topics are covered?	At this time there are no refresher requirements
11		4/7/22	What is the age range of the student population?	The age range varies from birth to geriatric. Ellisville State School is a state operated regional program providing comprehensive services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program is under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health. Administratively, it is in the Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities division of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Ellisville State School offers services to people in a residential setting and provides an array of programs and services in the community through the Community Services System. Ellisville State School serves approximately 240 people on the main campus and additional persons in the community. It is the goal of Ellisville State School to provide each person with the appropriate services so that each will develop to the maximum of his or her potential. The program desires through treatment and training to place each person in his or her least restrictive environment. This goal is consistent with state and national policy regarding service programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
12		4/4/22	Is Ellisville State School obligated under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX)?	No

13		4/4/22	Is Ellisville State School obligated under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)?	No
14		4/4/22	Is Ellisville State School obligated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)?	Yes
15		4/4/22	Who is the current provider of Security Guard services to Ellisville State School?	To view similar contract, please go to "Transparency" click "contracts" click "State of Mississippi Contracts" and under "Input Controls" filter contracts by service type (security service), under "View Contracts by" select "Contract Details". http://www.transparency.mississippi.gov/contracts/contracts.aspx
16	4.1	2/28/22	Is the IFB stating there are 2 campuses each needing 24/7 coverage? This would be 168 hours a week at each location. Or is the IFB wanting a contract on an as needed basis to fill in at random times for any of the listed shifts?	This is a requirements contract. No shift will be permanent or guaranteed. The shifts are as needed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this amendment and all others by signing this form and returning it, along with your original bid, by April 27, 2022, 12:00 PM CST. This acknowledgement MUST be enclosed in your bid packet following the submission instructions located in Section 8 of the Invitation for Bids. Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of your bid.

Acknowledged by (signature): _____

Printed Name: _____

Company and Title: _____

Date: _____